(c) whether Government are considering to restart mining in these mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Mining of Diamond in Majhganwa mines has been temporarily discontinued *w.e.f.* 22.8.2005.

(b) As per available information, production of Tuff/finished diamonds has decreased as per details for two years as under:—

SI.N	Year	Tuff Diamond (in tonnes)	Finished Diamond (in carats)
1.	2004-05	685641	86257
2.	2005-06	233833	47433

(c) As per available information, National Mineral Development Corporation have approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court for permission to restart the mining operation since the said mines are part of Gangau Wild Life Sanctuary and that they have obtained all the required clearances.

Mining of gold

1410. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Gold Mines Limited has been finally closed;

(b) if so, which agency is operating for the production of gold in the country and how the mining and production of gold is monitored and controlled; and

(c) the present level of production of gold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (PR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) was closed with effect from 1st March, 2001 under Section 25 (O) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

(b) As per the information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines, there are three mines reporting production of primary gold in the States of Karnataka and Jharkhand. Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited (HGMCL), a Government of Karnataka undertaking, operates two mines in Raichur District, Karnataka and one

mine is operated by Manmohan Industries (P) Limited in Singhbhum (East) District, Jharkhand. In addition to this, secondary gold is also recovered as by-product from copper slime at Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), Ghatsila Smelter and at Bharuch, Gujarat by HINDALCO Industries Limited. The mining of gold is subject to provisions of the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act, 1957, Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, and Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988.

(c) The total production of gold during 2005-06 was 9760 kg.

Mineral deposits

†1411. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated deposits of various minerals in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the quantity of minerals extracted during each of the last two years, State-wise and the cost incurred on their extraction?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) State-wise information on estimated deposits of minerals in the country is given in the Indian Mineral Year Book published by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM). A copy has been supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b) Details on state-wise mineral production for non-fuel, non-atomic major minerals, maintained by IBM, for the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 given below:

(in tonnes)

State	2004-05	2005-06	State	2004-05	2005-06
Andhra Pradesh	37367833	40804760	Madya Pradesh	31539228	30190889
Assam	401000	406022	Maharastra	14342109	13755391
Bihar	263790	341902	Meghalaya	519000	550000
Chhattisgarh	40152164	42027490	Orissa	55094352	63305719
Goa	22728844	23778434	Punjab	.93	3649
Gujarat	23651562	23799551	Rajasthan	34-78871	35452586
Haryana	33091	32075	Sikkim	205	157
Himachal Pradesh	7674999	8079533	Tamil Nadu	17030999	17360627'
Jammu & Kashmir	267427	260636	Uttar Pradesh	240217	256037
Jharkhand	19611338	21067950.2	Uttarakhand.	161729	154322
Karnataka	52495671	48736537	West Bengal	167762	162656
Kerala	1016583	1024699			

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.